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FIRE AT NEWARK CONSUMES HOME

Family of Thomas Kirby Narrowly Escapes Death in Early Morning Blaze.

DISCOVERED BY DOWLING

A. T. Biddle, Deputy County Clerk, and Newark Fire Department Work Heroically to Save Building.

W. Rose and family, residing in the house of Thomas Kirby, at Newark had a narrow escape from death by fire, as the result of a conflagration which totally destroyed the building Tuesday morning.

The fire was discovered by John Dowling and Miss A. N. Foster, who were returning to their home in Newark about 3 o'clock in the morning from a trip to the Panama-Pacific exposition. When near the Rose home the motorists noticed a dense cloud of smoke pouring from a shed in the rear. The smoke was interspersed with flashes of flames which were rapidly gaining in size.

Leaving Miss Fowler to arouse the neighbors, Dowling rushed to the house and attempted to arouse the family. His efforts met with no success. He then went to the side of the house and broke a pane in the window.

The occupants of the room were aroused and taken from the building. Meanwhile an alarm of fire had been turned in and the community turned out. They fought the flames with fire extinguishers.

The family was given shelter at the home of a neighbor.

The origin of the fire has not been determined. It is believed to have been in an adjoining woodshed which was filled with a quantity of eucalyptus wood. The burning wood with its pungent odor caused smoke so dense that the firemen had great difficulty in finding their way through the rooms of the house.

Arthur T. Biddle was the first to reach the scene of the flame and direct the work of the department.

Most of the furniture was saved, but the building, which was one of the oldest in Newark, was burned to the ground.

The building was the property of Thomas Kirby, now a resident of Oakland. Mrs. Kirby came to Newark the following day.

ANOTHER AUTO BUS LINE

Dr. C. M. Thomas Wants to Operate Auto Bus Service Here.

M. L. Mowry, who had been appointed a representative of the Centerville Chamber of Commerce to go to Santa Rosa and investigate the proposition of Dr. C. M. Thomas regarding automobile transportation, returned this week with glowing reports of the service.

Mr. Mowry stated that he had ridden on the various lines operated by Dr. Thomas throughout Sonoma county and had talked with patrons of the line and found them enthusiastic.

Dr. Thomas has a line running from Santa Rosa to Healdsburg, a distance of 17 miles, over which he makes six trips a day; a line from Healdsburg to Cloverdale, 18 miles, 3 trips a day; Santa Rosa to Sonoma, 23 miles, two trips daily. Over these lines he does a passenger and freight business which is satisfactory to the public and profitable to Dr. Thomas and his company.

Mr. Mowry reports the roads in Sonoma county to be in worse condition than the roads in Washington township, hence a bus line of the kind and equipment operated in Sonoma county presents an even more favorable prospect to investors here than there.

The plan of organization and operation outlined by Dr. Thomas is to organize a stock company. Of the capital stock he and a friend will take one-half or one-third. The rest he wishes to sell to the residents of the county. He plans to follow the state highway with his main line and run feeders to other points, thus completely covering the territory. At first he expects to do a passenger business only, but later may go into the freight business. He

states that such a line can be organized at a minimum cost of \$20,000.

A community service for high school pupils is one of the features under consideration. The cars used are specially fitted to haul passengers with tops equipped to carry hand baggage.

Luther Biddle, the plant wizard, of Santa Rosa, is one of the heavy stockholders in the Sonoma county company.

TRAGEDY AT SAN LEANDRO

John Foster Shot His Wife and Himself Tuesday Night.

John Foster, a ranch hand, well known in Niles and vicinity, shot his wife and then turned the revolver on himself at San Lorenzo about 6 p. m. Tuesday.

The tragedy took place Tuesday night at the Foster ranch, where Mrs. Foster was residing with her brothers, Frank and Joseph Enos. She had obtained a divorce from Foster some time ago.

Foster followed his former wife to the ranch and fired four shots at her, after turning the revolver on himself, before officers could prevent. The young daughter, clasped in the mother's arms, escaped unharmed. Foster had been brooding over the divorce while his wife had obtained and become intoxicated made up his mind to commit the crime.

At the time of the shooting Mrs. Foster was sitting at the fireside with a friend, Mrs. Mary Andrade. After the shooting, Mrs. Andrade, under the impression that the man was dead sent in a call for assistance and neighbors took Mrs. Foster to the county infirmary. After searching for bullets, Dr. C. A. Wills examined the man and found that his wounds were superficial.

Foster will lose the sight of one eye. It was removed by Dr. Wills at the infirmary. Monday he was removed to the county hospital at Oakland. The woman will also recover.

BLACKSMITH SHOP ROBBED

Not robbery is Motive.

Monday night the blacksmith shop of A. Amaral at Decoto was entered and a motor and blower and other tools and implements taken from the building.

Constable Frank Rose was summoned from Niles and began an investigation. He expresses an opinion, based upon certain clews in his possession that the intruders did not enter the place and carry off the machinery for purposes of gain, but that the motive was one of revenge or malice.

Yesterday Mr. Amaral went to San Francisco and purchased new machinery and tools to take the place of those stolen.

Late yesterday afternoon an empty box which had contained dies and some broken casting from a motor were found in a field some distance from the blacksmith shop.

CENTERVILLE BUSINESS PLACES ENTERED BY BURGLARS THURSDAY

Garage and Drug Store Sustain Small Losses.

Burglars were again busy in Washington township last week. Thursday night the Centerville garage, owned by H. R. Randall was broken into and a number of bench tools stolen, among them two large screw drivers.

Lernhart's drug store was entered the same night and \$5 taken from the cash drawer. Entrance to the drug store was gained by prying open a rear door. The implements used to force the door were the same screw drivers that had been taken from the garage the same night.

Constables Frank Rose of Niles and Joseph Soito of Newark are working on the case.

ROBBERY AT ALVARADO.

Japanese Pool Room Broken Into and \$59.40 Cash Taken.

Tuesday night a poolroom occupied by Japanese at Alvarado was broken into and robbed. The robber got \$59.40 cash, a suit of clothes, silver watch and chain, two pairs of underwear and other small articles. Constable Frank Rose and Joseph Soito are working on a clue that is expected to bring the burglars to bay.

BRICK YARD IN CANYON IS SOLD

Costello Brothers of Oakland Take Over Property This Week.

WILL MAKE SEWER PIPE

Legal Complications Are in Process of Adjustment by Trustee for Various Bondholders of the Concern.

According to reports given out, the purchased of the plant of the Niles Brick company, located in Niles canyon, to the California Pottery company Twenty-third avenue, Oakland, was arranged this week.

Costello Brothers, owners of the pottery firm, which manufactures sewer pipe, have already taken possession of the plant, and a spur track is being run into the property.

The sale has not yet been consummated owing to certain legal complications that are now undergoing adjustment.

E. A. Ellsworth of Niles and A. Sidney Jones of Hayward, are the largest bondholders in the concern.

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Auto Collision Near Niles.

Yesterday afternoon an automobile loaded with cigars, owned by Bercovich of Oakland crashed into an Alco gravel truck, driven by one Madero near Niles. The cigar company's automobile was badly damaged while the gravel truck was unharmed. A special railroad policeman, who was riding on the cigar firm's machine was badly cut about the hands and face by broken glass from the windshield.

The Bercovich machine was hauled to Niles and is being repaired by the firm of Rose Bros. It weighs seven tons and was brought in in less than three hours.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HONORED IN SELECTION OF JUDGE MATTOX

Centerville Man to be Master of Ceremonies at P. P. I. E. Tomorrow.

One of the most flattering evidences of ability an popularity ever shown to a resident of Washington township was made manifest by the selection of Jno. G. Mattox of Centerville as master of ceremonies at the dedication of the Portuguese building at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, in San Francisco tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Mattox is one of the best known Portuguese-American residents in California. He is an officer in the Supreme Council U. P. E. C. For several years he occupied a position of trust in the United States Custom House at San Francisco, and has represented his people in the California state legislature. He is now justice of the peace of this township. At a banquet given to the Portuguese commissioner in Hotel Oakland some months ago, Justice Mattox was honored by being selected to act as toastmaster, and the manner in which he performed his duties on that occasion, doubtless helped influence his choice for the new honors.

At the ceremonies tomorrow addresses will be made by C. C. Moore, president of the Panama-Pacific International exposition; William Bailey Lamard, United States commissioner

of exhibits; Simon L. Ferriera, Portuguese consul in San Francisco; Manuel Roldan, commissioner to the exposition and personal representative of the Portuguese government; Hiram W. Johnson, governor of California; James R. Ralph, mayor of San Francisco. These addresses are to be of about five minutes duration.

One of the features of the celebration will be the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the Portuguese national hymn by a chorus of 200 Portuguese girls.

The dedication ceremonies will take place at the Portuguese building beginning at 2 p. m. sharp. A large delegation of the Portuguese residents of this township are expected to be in attendance.

TO ATTEND SEWER MEETING

Niles Woman's Club Sends Delegates to Attend Mass Meeting.

Representatives of the Niles Woman's club have been selected to appear before the meeting of the Niles Sanitary Board next Wednesday night and present the case of the ladies in the open discussion of a sewer system.

Mrs. George MacRae, Mrs. E. L. Chilenden, Mrs. P. S. Oakeshott were selected for this duty.

The woman's organization have gone on record as favoring sewers and the ladies expect to be able to do their part in helping to attain such an end.

RODE WHILE DRUNK.

L. W. Shinan Convicted of Driving an Automobile While Intoxicated.

L. W. Shinan of San Leandro was convicted by Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond of Niles Monday, for having driven his motor car while under the influence of liquor. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$30. Shinan was arrested by Traffic Officer L. A. Sloan on the road between Niles and Decoto.

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Shinan unable to pay his fine to the Justice was taken in charge by Constable Frank Rose and placed in an automobile bound for the county jail. While passing through San Leandro he managed to borrow \$20 and as he was entering the county castle at Oakland, another friend put up \$10.

Forgets to Return Horse.

Wednesday evening a young man, stranger in Niles, rented a rig from Andrew Kell, liverman. He told Mr. Kell that he wanted to drive to Mission San Jose. He paid for the rig and drove away. This morning Mr. Kell received a telephone message from the Dexter Stables, San Jose, that his rig had been left there by the man, who had left instructions to communicate with Kell. The reason for the man's change of mind is unknown, Kell went after his property today.

WEATHER REPORT TO DATE FOR WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Over 28 Inches of Rain Fell During February.

The Press has arranged with Miss L. A. Barry to furnish the weather report in future. Miss Barry is too well known to all who have interested themselves in meteorological matters to need introduction to those who value weather reports. For the benefit of those who do not know her we will say the reports are methodical and accurate and her results are obtained by means of the best instruments obtainable. She has over thirty years' records to consult for comparisons, all of which are so accurately kept as to be scientific sources of information.

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COMMERCE BODY ELECTS OFFICERS

With One Exception, a Complete New Corps Is Chosen For Ensuing Term.

HAD A VERY BUSY SESSION

Facts and Figures Presented Arent Cost of Brick Pavement to Replace Materials on Highway.

Business of importance was transacted at the meeting of the Niles Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday night.

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President—M. B. Sneden. Vice-President—Horace J. Craft. Secretary—P. A. Ellis. Treasurer—Andrew Kell. Directors—E. A. Ellsworth, J. E. Jacobus, A. K. Zwisler, F. V. Jones. These gentlemen, together with the officers form the board of directors of the chamber.

Delegates to the Associated Chambers of Commerce—Horace J. Craft, F. V. Jones, C. B. Overacker and E. A. Ellsworth.

M. B. Sneden, the new president, is too well known in Niles to need any introduction. As a leading merchant and member of the Chamber he has given considerable of his time and ability to the uplift of conditions that confront the people, and his election is a fitting tribute to his work.

Horace J. Craft, has recently moved to Niles. Mr. Craft, during his short residence here, has shown himself to be a worker of rare ability.

P. A. Ellis, the new secretary, was

of the organization was honored by re-election, this showing far more words, the esteem and respect in which he is held by the members. Mr. Kell is the only old officer to be re-elected.

Eleventh-hour opposition to the candidacy of Roy Morgan, defeated that member for the secretaryship. At the previous meeting Mr. Morgan, when nominated, stated that business out of town would prevent his giving proper attention to the details of the office.

Beautification Committee Reports.

Horace J. Craft, chairman of a committee appointed to take up the matter of parking certain railroad property, facing on Front street, Niles, with the Southern Pacific company, reported.

According to Mr. Craft, the railroad officials informed him that it was contrary to the policy of the company to allow civic bodies to park any of their property. Such action in other parts of the state, they claimed, had been the cause of considerable trouble. Mr. Craft reported that his suggestion that the Niles body proceed to beautify the section without permission, met with such emphatic adverse advice that he felt impelled to advise the chamber that further work by the committee would be useless. The committee was discharged with thanks.

Gas Seems to be "Hot Air."

R. D. Baronda, chairman of a committee appointed to take up the subject of a gas plant for Niles, with its promoters, reported that no word had been received from them for several months, and

COUNTY AND STATE NEWS

REGISTER KICK AT
STATE HIGHWAY

Hotel Men Say Conditions in This Township Are Holding Up Traffic.

ROADS ARE IMPASSIBLE

Printers Complain at the Letting of a \$9000 Contract to a San Francisco Concern.

Declaring that automobile traffic to Oakland had been paralyzed because of the fact that contractors on the state highways had left their work unfinished and asking that something be done in the matter in the way of temporary relief, a delegation of hotel men headed by Victor Reiter of the Hotel Oakland, and John B. Jordan, manager of the Oakland-Berkeley Hotel and Apartment association, appeared before the board of supervisors last Monday morning.

The committee claimed that much of the business that is to accrue to this city during the exposition will come by wealthy tourist traffic in automobiles and that scores of machines are being held up between San Jose and Warm Springs and in the Altamont hills because contractors had left the roads in an impassible condition.

Female Doctor Appointed.

Dr. Minora E. Kibbe was appointed by the board as a physician at the county infirmary at \$100 a month. Fred W. Moore was named janitor in the justice court at \$25 a month. The appointments of M. P. Scott, M. J. Campbell and John Carey as deputy sealers of weights and measures was approved by the board.

The supervisors were requested to meet at the Hotel Sacramento March 7 for a discussion of legislation on road control and maintenance which is considered of vital importance to supervisors all over the state.

Following this discussion there will be a meeting with

MATTOS COLLECTS \$200.
Many "Speed Burners" Pay Penalty for Indiscretion.

Fines and forfeitures of bail amounting to \$200 were collected in the court of Justice of the Peace Jno G. Mattos at Centerville Monday morning.

One woman, Mrs. A. H. Elliot of Oakland was included. She deposited \$25 bail and her case was continued until March 22.

The crowd of speeders gathered in by the traffic officers entered general pleas of guilty and the same fine—\$25 was administered in all cases. Some stepped up smilingly and paid their fines; others the assessment didn't strike so funny, and, judging from the expressions on their countenances as they put up the required sum, they felt very much "put out." In a few cases the court agreed to take the money on the installment plan.

Those whose cases came before the court were Jack Buchanan, Oakland; R. O. Nelson, Berkeley; F. Taylor, Oakland, W. Frates, San Leandro, Dan Black, Oakland; Mrs. A. H. Elliot, Oakland; Warren Blackett, W. P. Jones, E. Flick, John Doe Wilson, Jack Amitti, R. Nelson, W. T. Jones, V. Eff, O. A. Harris, E. C. Harvart, D. Daffy, L. S. Beard, P. H. Peterson, O. L. Star, B. Kirk, L. P. Porter, J. C. Phillips, W. P. Jones, George Stanley, A. Flick, J. Warfert, J. Sherman, Ted Close, J. Schwitzer, M. Peters, M. C. Dee, J. Corgono, W. A. Hewitt, M. Arrata, A. Napo, L. C. Beard, L. A. Arbell all of whom claimed Oakland as their home.

In some instances cases were postponed until future dates.

Some of the convicted men pleaded their desire to get out of a rain storm as the reason for excess speed, which caused the court to comment that "some men speed because weather is good and some because it is bad."

Jack Buchanan, who drives a jitney bus in Oakland, and received but \$2.50 a day salary, was directed by the court to pay his mother \$6 a week for a month and then report to the court. "But," added Justice Mattos, "I want it to be real money—not Peruvian coin. I know that mothers sometimes are willing to help their sons out of scrapes, and I have means of finding out whether she received the money or not. Your mother probably needs \$25 worse than the county needs your

It has been admitted by the engineers that the present system of water mains in the city streets would have to be replaced in order to give an adequate service. The administration supervisors, who voted against asking the people for the authorization for the expenditure which would be necessary if the city purchased the Spring Valley plant, did so on the recommendation of the Public Utilities Committee that the millions could be taken from the Hatch-Hetchy bonds.

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PARCELS POST
REGULATIONS

In response to numerous inquiries regarding the rules and regulations governing the sending of farm products to city residents the following is submitted:

Parcel post matter for local rural route and first and second zone shall embrace all matter, including farm and factory products not now embraced by law in either the first, second or third class.

Parcels shall not exceed 50 pounds in weight. In size they shall not exceed 72 inches in length and girth combined, nor in form and kind likely to injure the person of any postal employee or damage the mail equipment or other mail matter and not of a character perishable within a period reasonably required for transportation and delivery.

Preparation for Mailing.

Parcels must be prepared for mailing in such manner that the contents can easily be examined. They must bear the name and address of the sender preceded by the word "From."

How to Pack.

Anything liquid or liquefiable must be placed in a bag, box or removable envelope or wrapping made of paper, cloth, parchment or similar material and inclosed in a box or tube of metal or wood with a sliding clasp or screw lid.

In case of such articles liable to break, the inner bag or box or envelope must be surrounded by sawdust, excelsior, cotton or similar substance.

Parcel Post Zones.

The first zone includes all territory within the 50-mile limit of your post office in any direction.

The second zone includes all the territory outside of the first zone (50 miles) and within the 150-mile limit of your post office in any direction.

The third zone is 300 miles in any direction, and the fourth zone is 600 miles in any direction from your own post office.

Local or Rural Delivery.

Is any parcel post matter that is mailed at any post office and can be delivered from there by city or local carrier or from which a rural route starts.

Parcel Post Rates.

Parcels weighing four ounces or less are available at the rate of 1 cent for

gardless of distance. Parcels weighing more than four ounces are available at the following pound rates, a fraction of a pound being considered a full pound:

Weights—	Local	Zone	Zone
One	Two	Three	Four
1 pound.....	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.06
2 pounds.....	.06	.06	.06
3 pounds.....	.06	.07	.07
4 pounds.....	.07	.08	.08
5 pounds.....	.07	.09	.09
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33 pounds.....	.21	.37	.37
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36 pounds.....	.23	.40	.40
37 pounds.....	.23	.41	.41
38 pounds.....	.24	.42	.42
39 pounds.....	.24	.43	.43
40 pounds.....	.25	.44	.44
41 pounds.....	.25	.45	.45
42 pounds.....	.26	.46	.46
43 pounds.....	.26	.47	.47
44 pounds.....	.27	.48	.48
45 pounds.....	.28	.50	.50
46 pounds.....	.28	.51	.51
47 pounds.....	.29	.52	.52
48 pounds.....	.29	.53	.53
49 pounds.....	.29	.53	.53
50 pounds.....	.30	.54	.54

Insurance on Parcels.

A mailable parcel may be insured for 5 cents on a valuation up to \$25 and 10 cents on a valuation over \$25 and up to \$50.

C. O. D. Service.

The sender of a parcel on which the postage is fully prepaid may have the price of the article and the charges thereon collected from the addressee on payment of a fee of 10 cents in postage stamps affixed, provided the amount to be collected does not exceed \$100. Such a parcel may be insured against loss without additional charge, in an amount equivalent to its actual value, but not to exceed \$50. Addressed will not be permitted to exceed the amount of \$50.

The person to whom a package is addressed may be insured for the contents of a C. O. D. parcel until it has been received for and all charges paid. C. O. D. parcels will not be accepted when addressed to the Philippine Islands.

Special Delivery.

The post office department has arranged that upon payment of 10 cents additional any parcel post package will secure immediate delivery.

DIGEST OF BILLS BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE
AFFECTING AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION

THIS page will be devoted to publication of measures pending in the State Legislature that affect, primarily, the farming and labor interests of the country. We are enabled to place the service before our leaders through the courtesy of the Legislative Bureau of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. The digest should be carefully read and if there appears anything you believe inimical to your interests the subject matter should be taken up with the legislative representative who has introduced it. E. E. Bowles, secretary of the Legislative Bureau of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, who is a trained newspaper man of wide and practical experience and native ability, will gladly furnish added information that is of general interest through the columns of The Press. Mail your inquiries through this paper so as to avoid, in so far as possible, duplication of information.—Ed.]

Assembly Bill 306, by Judson—This bill empowers boards of supervisors to appropriate and use county funds not to exceed \$10,000 in any one year for extension work in agricultural and home economics in co-operation with the United States Department of Agriculture and the University of California.

Assembly Bill 307, by Dennett—Amends Section 78 of the Act to provide for the organization and government of irrigation districts, which section has reference to lands which shall be excluded from the district on petition by striking out "or would not by reason of being permanently devoted to uses other than agricultural, horticultural, oriticultural or grazing, be directly benefited by the actual irrigation of same" and inserts "not susceptible to irrigation from a common source or by the same system of works with the lands of said district."

Assembly Bill 98 by Spenger—This is the eight-hour law defeated at the November election. It provides that no person shall be employed more than eight hours during one day of twenty-four hours or more than forty-eight hours in one week, in any manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment, laundry, hotel, public lodging house, apartment house, hospital, place of amusement or restaurant, telegraph or telephone establishment or office in this state. The bill does not apply to the harvesting season, canning or curing. Any variety of perishable fruit or vegetables not to graduate nurses in hospitals. The labor bureau is to enforce the provisions of the act.

Assembly Bill 310, by Beck—Amends Section 3 with reference to the organization and management of county water districts with reference to the hearing of petitions for the formation of such districts by the board of supervisors.

Assembly Bill 410 by Chenoweth—Provides that every horse-drawn vehicle and all vehicles propelled by muscular power while on the public highway shall from a half hour after sunset and a half hour before sunrise, carry a lighted lamp showing a white light, under normal conditions, at least two hundred feet in front and carry a red light in the rear visible for a distance of five hundred feet.

Assembly Bill 424 by Dennett—Repeals section 64 of the act entitled an Act to provide for the organization and government of Irrigation districts. The section which it is proposed to repeal is as follows: "Navigation shall never be in anywise impaired by the operation of this act, nor shall any vested right, interest in or to any mining water rights or reservoirs or dams now used by the owners or possessors thereof in connection with any mining industry or any other property now used directly or indirectly in carrying on or promoting the mining industry ever be affected by or taken under its provisions, save and except that rights of way may be acquired over the same."

Assembly Bill 426 by Dennett—Amends Section 1416 of the Civil Code relative to work required to be done in the appropriation of water by including irrigation districts.

Assembly Bill 339 by Gelder—Amends sections 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14 and 24 of the Act of 1911, providing for the incorporation, organization and management of municipal water districts. The act of 1911 provides that the director from an unincorporated territory within the water district shall be appointed. The proposed measure provides for his election by the people in such territory.

Assembly Bill 491 by Encell—Creates the office of state forester at a salary of \$3000 and he is authorized to appoint an assistant, and deputy forester, the salaries of each not to exceed \$1800 per year. He shall have charge of the fire warden of the state; protection and improvement of state parks and forests; enforces all the laws for the protection of forest, brush or grass land; enforces the fire laws to furnish assistance for protection from fire. Gives the forester authority to declare a public nuisance all \$5000 for the faithful performance of their duties. Two hundred thousand

dollars is appropriated to establish the business provided for by the act.

Assembly Bill 851 by Ashley—This is the fruit standardization bill—requires all packed fresh fruit to be packed in accordance with its specifications except that fruit sold in bulk without packing. Enumerates cherries, peaches, pears, plums and prunes, apricots, grapes and berries. Requires that all packed fruit shall be of uniform size, quality and maturity. Each box or container shall bear in plain figures

the minimum weight of the contents. Grapes shall be well matured and show a sugar content of not less than 17 per cent. It is the duty of the county horticultural commissioner to enforce the act. Where there is no commissioner it shall be the duty of the supervisors to appoint inspectors on petition. The act goes into detail as to the size of the box, its shape and the manner of packing. Violations of the act are declared a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$50.



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Wrong in Theory and Practice

THE EDITOR of The Press does not believe in bond issues because he is fully convinced they are wrong—wrong in theory and palpably vicious in practice. They tend to foist debt upon generations yet unborn. They are the "visiting of the sins of the fathers on the sons unto the third and fourth generations." He believes in direct taxation.

The popularity of an idea or its lack does not influence his opinion nor its expression. He does not believe, however, in continually forcing his personal ideas upon the public. They are worth only as much as they are worth.

Some twenty odd years ago, when he advocated the initiative, referendum and recall (the "imperative mandate") he was called a "fool and a dreamer." Later when he espoused equal suffrage he was dubbed "the petticoat politician." Still more recently, when he pioneered the home-industry movement before the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, and defined it as now accepted and signed as the policy of that body and city, he was scouted as "a crank;" and when he climaxed his talk for the movement with, "My state California, my county Alameda, and my city Oakland," all but the last phrase proved too long or too broad for acceptance as a commercial shibboleth by those who now feel that the honor of Alameda county is in the balance.

These results and others make the writer rest confident that the time will come when those who now advocate indirect methods in taxation will be forced, through the very invocation of the vicious methods now in vogue, to capitulate to reason. Results of their folly will force it—the burden of interest on bonds.

The issue to be voted on on the 19th instant is small—so small that it is all but useless as an illustration of fact—nevertheless its weight will add to the hastening of the inevitable; for as one sin leads to another, as vice begets vice, and as all error teaches truth, so will the Panama-Pacific bond issue, if carried, assist in the correction of a vitiating custom. For that reason—believing the effect of its passage will teach more people than could possibly be influenced by argument or precept of ours—we will hereafter desist from cluttering space (except in a news way) with the subject. This does not necessarily mean that we will be silent.

We do not believe it is privately upright nor publicly honest to mislead or permit the people to be misled, yet right or wrong, it is our patriotic duty to abide by the will of the majority uncomplainingly. It is by this method only that we can hope to see more of our "dreams" come true.

The Press has sowed the seed of truth in its little garden. It trusts germination and fruition to doubtful elements. The crop cannot possibly be garnered by us. We feel that we have not commercialized God's highest gift to man—that we have not prostituted the one function that makes our species the super-animal and entitles it to a claim of having been made in His image.

Again: We believe in the people. We will gladly abide by their decision uncomplainingly and with full confidence that the strenuous efforts to pass the million-dollar Panama-Fair proposition is the most conclusive possible evidence of the weakness of the principal involved.

Buying a Lawsuit

THE editorial leader in the San Francisco Chronicle of Wednesday last, under the above caption, took occasion to deal with the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in connection with their past performances in the Spring Valley matter in the following language:

The history of this city does not show another instance in which even the most corrupt Board of Supervisors has so persistently manifested defiance of public opinion as our present Board of Supervisors, which is not accused of corruption, is displaying in the matter of the Spring Valley atrocity.

Everybody who has paid any attention to the water situation knows that neither the Spring Valley company, the city or any other organization will be permitted to still further deplete the underground waters of Alameda county, except at the end of a lawsuit.

Even to get what it now takes, the company has been compelled to buy the property of opposing individuals at high prices, and that settled nothing except that that particular contestant was out of the way.

And yet, when a supervisor demanded that before the election there be an investigation of the legal status of the company's rights in Alameda county, and the prospects of litigation, that information was refused.

The Supervisors also refused to officially inform the people that extensive lines of the company's pipe must be torn up and larger pipes installed, for the alleged reason that the money could be taken from the Hetch-Hetchy fund for that.

What difference does it make where the \$7,000,000 is to come from, so long as the people have to pay it? Why should not the people be informed just how much of what they are asked to buy and pay for must be immediately scrapped?

If anybody asks us why the Supervisors persistently refuse to tell the whole truth about the proposed Spring Valley deal our reply must be that we do not know.

But they do not tell us the whole truth and cannot be shamed into it.

The DeYoung sheet has an unenviable reputation; nevertheless, in this instance it points procedure that should be followed by those who have our water interests in hand.

Why Not?

A COLOQUY occurred in a recent session of the Oakland City Commissioners that makes us wonder, Why not?

It seems that "Billy" Bacus introduced an ordinance to exempt architects from license fees, giving as the reason that they were the only professional men who were compelled to thus contribute to the city's funds.

Anderson, with the garrulity that ever marks him, objected to the taxing of all professional men, presented a counter proposition to that of Bacus by saying that "It discourages enterprise. Tax property. Don't tax brains."

Notwithstanding the determination of the mayor to "put a tax on all of them," the professions, the question arises why shouldn't "brains" always have been taxed. Doubtless the logic of the universal exception finds base in the theory that exempted the peddling of personal products both in the nature of artistic and scientific productions and articles grown or produced by the vendor. But in presence of our public school facilities, and the fact that such "brains" as Anderson means are brewed in them, we wonder why they should not be taxed. ~~and with Mayor Mott, look upon them as a stock in trade they should be compelled to contribute prorata toward the support of the government that not only trains brains but that offers opportunity for their employment.~~

It is such class distinctions as this that have done a great deal toward developing class feelings that are unhealthy and that should find no abiding place under republican forms.

An Innovation

"JOHN BARLEYCORN," by Jack London, has been chosen by the California State Board of Education as an English text book to be used in the schools throughout the state.

It is seldom that a work of a living author is thus singled out. It usually takes a generation for constructive effort to acquire the recognition necessary to becoming a standard. Educators, particularly, become conservative, and are so lacking in personal initiative and perception of the laws of social cause and effect that they are by turn arrogant and supine—arrogant in their self-sufficiency and supine in their relationship to boards of directors. And more's the pity, for there is no single influence so great for future good or bad as that of the pedagogue. He is really the nation-builder. He takes the mind in its plastic state and forms it, to a great extent, into the generator of future citizenship.

The school teacher too often becomes hide-bound in matters of technique—regards the garb of thought, rather than the idea, as the thing paramount. He venerates the old and loves the beautiful; is intolerant of the new and doubtful of the socially utilitarian in literature. He reflects the infantile minds he dominates in his prejudices, and his attitude toward those who differ from him in tastes is often femininely supercilious.

"John Barleycorn," being a modern book—modern, more or less, in ideas, and modern in mode of expression and manner of illustration—it has none of the requisites that usually commend works to educators. It points a moral from a one-sided standpoint, hence cannot be considered a classic. It is a literary automobile rather than palaquin.

The school teachers and the youth of California are to be congratulated and the State Board commended for its departure from the time-worn precedent that voted only the works of men dead as fit pabulum for the youthful mind. It is this method largely that disgusts so many with letters and school work.

Un-American Competition

MADAM, you who are tending a few hens for the eggs you get for family use and the pin money you receive from the surplus, how do you like the competition of late from John Chinaman—not the local John, but the John of China? And, you, Mister, who have invested considerable money and more energy and study to scientifically making a hen rush herself to death on the job, how do you like the prospect for your business?

Now, then, think this over a while, both of you. John didn't hunt this market up. It was white men—energetic jobbers—"jobbers" in more than one sense.

The business man hunted the world over as soon as Americans had created demand for eggs, made the American breakfast table seem a desert without "henfruit" at least twice a week, for some source of competing in price with your commodity; and he found it in the land of the man who formerly competed with those of another day who are the unemployed of today.

We got together and excluded the Chinese from the country. He was brought here, first to compete with labor, by the Huntingtons, but as soon as he had freed himself from the peonage that was an incident to his coming, he began to compete with you. You liked him at first but when he began to gore your ox, then you changed your pean of praise of his "energy," "efficiency," "meekness," "steadiness" and the thousand and one other virtues of which he seemed possessed as a "hired man," and joined Dennis Kearney (rest his soul) in the discordant shout of the "rough-neck." "The Chinese must go."

But we've digressed far enough. Lets back to the matter in hand. John no longer competes with any of us in person. It is the soul of his thrift and energy, a product of his "efficiency" and sun-to-sun "energy" that the farmers of yore used to extoll that now hurts.

How do you like it?

You don't hear your late ally of the exclusion movement, the working man, kicking about the competition. He likes 'em, at the price, just as you used to like John Chinaman, and for the same reason—because they are cheap.

And the cause of the trouble is the same—the business instinct. And the excuse for the un-American action is the same—the supply was unequal to the demand. And the demand was created by the same force—Americans. And (to complete the circle), American Huntingtons of lesser caliber and the same impetus, the same lack of patriotism and the same greed for gain are supplying the demand though at a much less cost to our national institutions.

How do you like it?

You are through with indirection. Legal methods—exclusion laws, tariff—won't correct the evil. You've got down to bed-rock now.

Tariff tinkers are too slow. Every poultry and egg producer in the county would go broke before the remedy would be forthcoming. You'll have to be direct in your methods.

Yours is a human issue now, Mr. Egg-Producer, and yours, Madam, is a personal matter. What are you going to do?

I'll tell you what you ought to do. You ought to boycott the fellow who handles these Chinese products. Use both the primary and the secondary boycotts—don't buy from him or sell to him and treat everybody else who does turn the grindstone of commerce while the business man sharpens a knife to cut your throat, industrially and economically, with the same attention.

In the meantime organize, BUT DON'T INCORPORATE, and do your work so that you can't be got on a conspiracy charge, if possible. Do it as labor does it—as quietly and as unostentatiously as may be, but do it.

You don't like to do such things (neither does organized labor) but you must do something, and the quicker you do it the better for all concerned.

And in this connection don't forget the various market laws now before the legislature. They will help some, but they will not cure the evils of price-competition—greed—which inspires your interest in them, or should. They're only remedies, not cures, for the evil, which business men will be compelled to circumvent.

If you are organized AND NOT INCORPORATED, you can go directly to the root of a trouble before it assumes the guise of an overshadowing obstacle to your economic growth and industrial and social development. ORGANIZE and co-operate with your industrial affinity, the city man who works with hand and head.

Resentment is strongest in those most prone to err.

Assertiveness is the mask of ignorance; a doubtful mien, more often than not, is the veil of wisdom.

TO HAVEST JOY.

We must not force events, but rather make The heart soil ready for their coming, as The earth spreads carpets for the feet of spring, Or, with the strengthening tonic of the frost, Prepares for Winter. Should a July noon Burst suddenly upon a frozen world Small joy would follow, even tho' that world Were longing for the Summer. Should the sting Of sharp December pierce the heart of June, What death and devastation would ensue! All things are planned. The most majestic sphere That whirls through space is governed and controlled By supreme law, as is the blade of grass Which through the bursting bosom of the earth Creeps up to kiss the light. Poor puny man Alone doth strive and battle with the force Which rules all lives and worlds, and he alone Demands effect before producing cause. How vain the hope! We cannot harvest joy Until we sow the seed. And God alone Knows when that seed is ripened. Oft we stand And watch the ground with anxious brooding eyes, Complaining of the slow, unfruitful yield, Not knowing that the shadow of ourselves Keeps off the sunlight and delays results. Sometimes our fierce impatience of desire Doth like a sultry May force tender shoots Of half-formed pleasures and unshaped events To ripen prematurely, and we reap But disappointment; or we rot the germs With briny tears ere they have time to grow. While stars are born and mighty planets die, And hissing comets scorch the brow of space, The Universe keeps its eternal calm. Through patient preparation year on year The earth endures the travail of the Spring, And Winter's desolation. So our souls, In grand submission to a higher law, Should move more serene through all the ills of life, Believing them masked joys.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Seamens' Bill Passed.

The United States senate passed the seamen's bill without roll call on the 27th. The bill had already passed the house.

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May 4, 1915

"Play Ball!" Next Sunday

The baseball season has begun
And Dolan's in the box.
They're fit as fiddle every one!
Says he of auburn locks.

The Niles-Essanay Indians begin work on the Sullivan base ball grounds today preparatory to the opening of the 1915 season. Considering the recent bad weather, the field is in fine condition, so a good game can be looked forward to.

The Athletics of San Francisco will oppose "Fodder" Dolan's aggregation. If the same form prevails in the clubs as at the time of their last meeting, it will be nobody's game till it is played. Four to three was the score (in favor of the Indians) for a 10-inning game played last November.

The line up of the locals is: Dolan, pitcher; Lund, catcher; Robinson, first base; Burroughs, second base or third; Toherol as an alternate in the same positions; Esola, short; and Breszauer, Spike, Killilay and Fries in the outfield.

The line up of the Athletics is: Brown, short stop; Daley, second base; Laird, first base; Iredale, third; Mankuk, left field; Benn, centerfield; Hendrickson, right field; O'Neal, catcher; Henning, pitcher.

Notes.

Dolan, who is captain of the Indians, worked the bunch out yesterday and says: "They look fit enough. I can't pass judgment on the individuals—it is too early—and I haven't seen them all together yet, so I wouldn't want to express an opinion as to their team work. But they look fit for a good tussle."

"Fodder's" friends and admirers in Washington township will be glad to hear that our "pink-haired" pitcher is getting more than passing notice from the higher-ups. The Bulletin, the other day had this to say of him: "Tommy Leard paid Fodder Dolan the compliment today of being the best bush pitcher that he ever hit against, and Tommy has faced a bunch. A chap who fans his fifteen and sixteen in about every game, he stars, it would seem, was worth a tryout in the Coast League."

Dolan is working on a scheme to give a benefit game for the new Catholic rectory. He is negotiating now with an Oakland manager for a game on St. Paddy's day. Such a game ought to break all box office record.

Jerry Lynch Loses Pet Dog.
Prince, pet dog belonging to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lynch of Niles, died today as the result of poisoning. Just where the animal got the poison or the nature of it, is a mystery.

The animal was raised by the Lynch family and they were greatly attached to the pet. On several occasions it displayed more than usual intelligence even for one his kind.

Mr. Lynch is having the animal's hide, with its long black hair removed, with the idea of having it prepared.

Nuts Prove Profitable.
Three hundred and thirty dollars from less than an acre of almonds, is the record made by Mrs. M. E. Brady, a rancher living about a mile west of Stockton, according to the Record.

Mrs. Brady has just received the last of her returns for the nuts she has shipped, which were grown last season.

The trees from which the almonds were taken cover less than seven-eighths of an acre, and they did not even have a full crop on them. They are twenty-years old, however, and in the best of condition, and the almonds were of unusually fine quality.

Altogether Mrs. Brady harvested a little less than a ton. She shipped the entire crop of good almonds to San Francisco commission men, receiving from eighteen to twenty cents per pound for the nuts, or a total of \$315 net. For a few hundred pounds of "stick tights" and bitter almonds she received \$15, a total of \$330. Mrs. Brady figures she would have received more than \$350 for the almonds had she shipped them through the almond growers' association.

School Fuss Up to Hynes.
Trustee Von Hoosier of the Hayward school district, recently refused permission to Rev. D. W. Anderson, general missionary of the Pacific Coast American Sunday School Union, to hold services in Castro Valley schoolhouse. Rev. Anderson appealed to Superintendent Frick and Frick has passed the question along to District Attorney W. H. L. Hynes for decision.

Rev. Anderson holds that the new school laws provide that schoolhouses may be used for "discussions of matters looking to public morality," and this provision should include religious meetings, he claims.

VOGEL SLAYS YERS LANDED

Los Angeles Police Arrest Men Thought to be Guilty of Murderers' Slashes. Albert Sells and Charles Sligh, arrested in Los Angeles on a charge of holding up C. F. Harlow, a resident of that city recently, are believed to be the men who robbed and murdered Mr. Vogel of Fruitvale. A partial confession was received from Sells and Mrs. Jacob, wife of Vogel, in which he implicated Sells.

Sells and Sligh have operated extensively in Oakland, San Francisco, Sacramento, San Jose and Los Angeles, according to the confession. That it was they who robbed the Standard Oil office in Emeryville is declared by Roy Mayfield, a waiter, arrested in San Francisco and a confessed participant in the job.

Mayfield gives his opinion that they did the Fruitvale crimes. He says he was asked to participate in a job in Fruitvale, and that the Vogel murders bear every earmark of their methods. The police, however, have thus far been unable to obtain more than faulty circumstantial evidence on which to charge them with the crime, though they are convinced that Sells and Sligh are the right men.

Sings as He Goes to a Living Death

In a clear tenor voice a prisoner in the Stockton jail sang through the small barred window in his cell, "You made me what I am today; I hope you are satisfied."

He was leaning against a cell window as he sang the entire song through in excellent voice and a manner that showed training. Michael Gadd is his name. He is a sex-convict. He had just received a sentence of eight years in Folsom for balafring.

Gadd is a young man in years who has spent the greater part of his life behind bars. After finished the song the jail was quiet a few seconds and then occurred a rejoicing. The corridor looked out on the yard and said to Gadd, "Sing again, old pal."

Gadd's voice was heard again and prisoners' faces lit up as he sang the bars in though in fear. When Gadd was awaiting trial, a youth robbery, and of burglary, he

had been serving eight years in prison, proved an act never seen at any price on the stage.

"Tag Your Kids."

"Mothers, tag your little kids Before you let them hike Around the Fair; the guards declare That kids all look alike! That kids will certainly get lost; The guards may be perplexed; So, if you get some other's kid Then yours, why, don't be vexed!" —Plea of the Exposition guard.

That's the order of the Exposition guards and matron's office. They're tired of trying to make women accept babies that aren't theirs. Lost children are noisy babies—and especially when one doesn't know its parents.

Following extreme difficulty in the locating of parents of several youngsters warnings were issued today that parents should write name and address on a tag and thus label each child.

Alkali Grows Grass.

A Los Banos rancher has discovered that Soudan grass will grow, and grow well, too, where alkali is prevalent.

Charles Johnson, who has been experimenting extensively with the grass says that Soudan grass grows freely in alkali areas and with reasonable irrigation will produce three and four tons to the acre. Another feature of it is that it will cross with Johnson grass until all the objections to the latter variety are eliminated.

Big Improvement.

There is \$1,034,560.35 cash on hand in the treasury of Alameda county, according to the monthly report of Auditor E. F. Garrison today. The total net assets available amount to \$2,522,650.57. The unexpected portion of this year's budget at the close of January amounted to \$799,845.67, which is \$100,000 more than at the same time last year. The total liabilities of the county are estimated at \$322,073.45.

Frick Asks For Opinion.

County Superintendent of Schools Frick has asked District Attorney W. H. L. Hynes for an opinion as to whether a declaration of citizenship allows teachers, who have not become naturalized, to hold positions in the public schools. A recent ruling of the attorney general was to the effect that only Americans could be employed.

What People Think

CONSCIENCE PRICKS "BOND BOOSTER"

Editor Washington Press:

Some people object to voting for the million-dollar bonds for the P. P. I. E. on the grounds of increased taxation. If they would only stop to figure it out they would find that the cost would be but 1-1/2 cents a month on a \$1000 assessment. Who wouldn't be willing to pay that sum to save Alameda county from the ignominy of trying to get something for nothing?

A BOOSTER.

[Every argument for the bond issue is either weak or specious. All appeal to pride or prejudice. There is nothing to be gained by those who must pay, hence it is an economic travesty.

The best that can be said, or that has been said, for it is that we are in duty bound to help a sister city. If it were to create an hospital, build a road or school—to buy anything that would broadly serve social purposes a year or even a day, or tend to cut down competition or conserve morals or health—we would be for it. We will dismiss the appeal to provincial pride, perhaps the most potent force used to influence the ignorant by the arrogant with "Great pride goeth before a fall." —Ed. I.

About Those Sewer Bonds.

Editor Washington Press:

I understand that the Sanitary Board of Niles has called a meeting for March 10 for the purpose of discussing sewer bonds. It is a meeting that every citizen of Niles should attend.

Now is the time to thresh out the subject. Let's discuss it thoroughly and then see to it that sewer bonds pass and a sewer system is built. When that is done Niles will grow rapidly, but not before. Who wants to leave the conveniences of a city (which can be obtained in other small places) for the discomforts of the country (which can also be avoided in other small places to live in a town where there are only Middle Age sewage conditions.

CLEAN CITIZEN.

High School Ball Game.
A game of baseball between the Centerville High School and the Hayward school will be played at Centerville this afternoon.

Manganese Mines.

Work has begun in the Livermore hills on opening up the manganese mines. The metal will be hauled down to the branch line of the Western Pacific and shipped.—Pleasanton Times.

JEWELER ENLARGES STORE

E. B. MacPherson Makes Preparations to Carry Larger Stock.

Evidence of his faith in the growth of Niles and the future business development is made manifest by E. B. MacPherson, jeweler and optician of Niles, in enlarging his store on Front street.

"The new store," Mr. MacPherson explained, "will be 12 feet square and the present front will be replaced by plate glass windows of modern type.

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